

April 27, 2016

U.S. Embassy Paris, France
Security Message for U.S. Citizens:
Strikes and Demonstrations in France on April 28, 2016

The U.S. Embassy in France informs U.S. citizens that several national unions across a variety of sectors intend to hold a nationwide strike on Thursday, April 28. In addition, there will be national demonstrations against labor reforms.

Public services and transportation, including urban transport systems and the national rail network, are likely to be impacted by the strikes. Getting through train stations could take longer than usual and lines at automated machines are likely to be long. There could be resulting cancellations and delays to scheduled trains.

Travelers are advised to verify the status of their trains prior to arriving at the station and to allow extra time.

Please consult these websites for information on the rail network on the day of the strike:

- www.infolignes.fr
- <http://www.sncf.com/fr/prevision-traffic>
- www.sncf.com/en/passengers
- <http://www.sncf.com/en/news/timetables-traffic-updates>

National demonstrations against labor reforms will take place across the country that same day.

In Paris, protesters will gather at Denfert-Rochereau at 2pm before marching to Place de la Nation. Other demonstrations will likely take place throughout France.

Planned demonstrations in other cities reportedly include the following:

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| • Bordeaux | 7:00am | Blockages at local high schools |
| • Dijon | 2:00pm | Place de la Libération |
| • Grenoble | 10:00am | In front of the train station |
| • Lille | 2:30pm | Porte de Paris |
| • Lyon | 1:00pm | Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Manufacture des tabacs |
| • Marseille | 10:30am | Vieux Port |
| • Montpellier | 11:00am | Place de Zeus |
| • Nancy | 3:00pm | Place Dombasle |
| • Nice | 1:30pm | Place Massena |
| • Orléans | 10:30am | Parvis de la Cathédrale |
| • Poitiers | 2:00pm | Place de France |
| • Reims | 10:00am | Maison des Syndicats, 15 Boulevard de la Paix |
| • Rouen | 10:30am | Cours Clemenceau |
| • Strasbourg | 2:00pm | Place Kléber |
| • Toulon | 10:00am | Place de la Liberté |
| • Toulouse | 11:00am | Place Arnaud Bernard |
| • Tours | 2:30pm | Place de la Liberté |

- Valence 9:00am Place du Champ de Mars

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

For further information about security in France:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [France Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in France, located at 4, Avenue Gabriel, Paris, +33 (1) 43 12 22 22, 9:00am – 6:00pm Monday through Friday.
After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +33 (1) 43 12 22 22.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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